

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action that was mailed on July 8, 2005. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of claims 1-3. Claims 4 and 5 are cancelled, without prejudice. New claim 6 is presented, drawn to an air bag obtained by effecting the process of allowed claims 1, 2, or 3. This claim is supported by such disclosure herein as that appearing in the specification from line 36 on page 10 through line 11 on page 11 and in lines 19-26 on page 15. No new matter is added by this Amendment. Also, inasmuch as new claim 6 depends from allowed claims, no new issues are raised by this Amendment. Entry of this Amendment in order to place the application into condition for allowance (or in order to reduce the issues for appeal) is respectfully solicited. With this Amendment, claims 1-3 and 6 are pending in the application.

Objection was raised to claims 4 and 5. The objection is obviated by the cancellation of claims 4 and 5.

Claim 4 was rejected as being anticipated by US 5,106,933 (Kobayashi) and as being anticipated by JP 7-3164 (Nagaoka). Claim 5 was rejected as being unpatentable over Kobayashi in view of US 5,424,357 (Larson). The rejections are obviated by the cancellation of claims 4 and 5.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Richard Gallagher (Reg. No. 28,781) at (703) 205-8008.

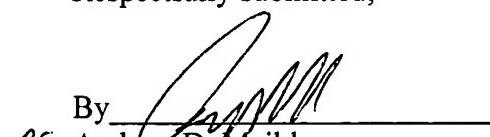
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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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